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My dear friend

My son departs for Lumbury via Providence tomorrow, and I send him a slide of the non-polarising silica of Equisetum hiemale. I have received the portions of grass & you so kindly sent, but as they came to hand yesterday I have had no chance yet to work upon them - They look very promising. If I get good results you shall share.

I send also a tuber of some plant from Fort Jupiter Florida where it is used as a substitute for potatoe - Do you know what it is?

Dr Quekett gives in his third edition the same account of polarising silica which appeared in his first I feel pretty sure that the error of Brewster and others is as yet unexplained.

Kind regards to you and Mrs Gray

Yours very cordially

J. W. Bailey

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P.S. I return to my son our friend Harris's letters, with many thanks.